Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee.

I am a vintage firearms collector, and I am hoping you will join me in opposition of SB16. Part of this bill looks to require owners of antique/relic firearms to stamp them with non-original serial numbers. This not only would dramatically devalue these collector's items, but depending on their age and construction, could also compromise their ability to safely be discharged.

As far as I know, guns produced prior to the 1968 Gun Control Act (which required manufacturers to serialize firearms), are not the weapons of choice of criminals. In addition, I have always been under the impression that killers obliterate the serial numbers before use in a crime. So, what is the point?

Please Oppose SB-16 An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime.

Sincerely,

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